

### **Code Enforcement Fines**

The Special Master upon notification by the Code Secretary that the order has not been complied with by the set time, or upon finding that a repeat violation has been committed, may order the property owner to pay a fine in an amount specified in this section for each day the violation continues past the date set by the Special Master for compliance, or in the case of a repeat violation, for each day the repeat violation continues, beginning with the date the repeat violation is found to have occurred by the Inspector.

In addition, if the violation is one described in **Florida Statute 162.06(4)**, the Special Master shall notify the local governing body, which may make all reasonable efforts required to bring the property into compliance and charge the property owner with the reasonable cost of the repairs, along with the fine imposed pursuant to this section.

If a finding of a violation, or a repeat violation, has been made as provided in this section, a hearing shall not be necessary for issuance of the order imposing the fine. If, after due notice and hearing, the Special Master finds a violation to be irreparable or irreversible in nature, it may order the property owner to pay a fine as specified in the paragraph below.

### **Amount of a Fine**

- **Daily Amount** - A fine imposed pursuant to this section shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per day for the first violation and shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per day for a repeat violation and may include all costs accrued; however, if a Special Master finds the violation to be irreparable or irreversible in nature, it may impose a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per violation.
- **Reduction of Fine** – A Special Master may reduce a fine imposed pursuant to this section.
- **Order Imposing Lien** - A certified copy of an order imposing a fine shall be recorded in the public records, and thereafter shall constitute a lien against the real property on which the violation exists, and upon any other real or personal property.